

Bills of General Interest Signed by the Governor 2005 Legislative Session

SB 26

Amends current law regarding legal public holidays by adding Martin Luther King Jr. Day and President's Day and removing Washington's Birthday and Lincoln's Birthday. The change does not affect holidays for state employees (since holidays are set by regulation or otherwise designated by the Governor).

Effective Date: Publication in Statute Book

SB 74

Upon approval of the Board of Regents, state universities may convert classified positions to the unclassified service. Each university must hold a vote of the affected classified employees and a majority of those employees voting must vote in favor of converting to the unclassified service. Converted employees retain all health and flexible benefits and leave and retirement benefits. With input from affected employees, each university shall develop an administration plan with personnel policies and procedures which include a disciplinary and grievance process which provides for the right to appeal and due process procedures. The newly designated unclassified employees shall be referred to as "university support staff" for these purposes. Nothing shall affect the collective bargaining representation rights of converted employees.

Effective Date: Publication in Statute Book

Sub for SB 77

Makes it unlawful for any law enforcement officer or law enforcement agency to engage in racial profiling. Requires law enforcement agencies to adopt policies against racial profiling, set up a procedure for handling complaints and compile annual reports on complaints.

Effective Date: Publication in Statute Book

SB 78

Amendments to the Open Records Act that open records of:

- Documents relating to the appointment of persons to fill a vacancy in an elected office
- Donations to public agencies that compensate a specific public employee
- Actual compensation employment contracts or employment related contracts or agreements

If a public record is discretionarily closed by an agency, the record custodian, if requested, shall provide a written citation to the specific provisions that necessitate closing the record. Amendments also extend exceptions in specific statutes until July, 2010.

Effective Date: Publication in Statute Book

SB 118

Requires agencies to purchase materials, supplies and services from qualified vendors as defined in the bill.

Effective Date: Publication in Kansas Register

SB 225

Appropriations for FY2006-2010 that include position limitations, salaries of elected officials and legislative leaders, and 1.25% salary increases for classified employees effective 6-5-05 (funded by agencies) and a 2.5% general increase over FY05 payroll beginning 12-4-05. The Legislature provided funding for the entire 2.5% increase in December. The bill also authorizes the same process for the unclassified salary pool.

Effective Date: Publication in Kansas Register (per House Sub for SB 273)

SB 273

Amends SB 225 (FY05 – FY09 appropriations) by changing the effective date to be publication in the Kansas Register.

Effective Date: Publication in Kansas Register

Senate Sub for HB 2037

KPERS legislation that:

- Increases employer contributions from 0.6 percent to 0.8 percent of payroll on July 1, 2005, and 1.0 percent on July 1, 2006
- Allows KPERS to offer optional life insurance coverage for spouses and dependents of active employees
- Lifts the \$15,000 annual earnings limitation during FY06-08 for retired nurses who return to work for certain state institutions
- Reduces length of service required for a surviving spouse to be eligible for retirement benefits when a member of KPERS or Judges retirement system dies before reaching retirement age from 15 to 10 years
- Allows KP&F affiliation and membership (future service only) for certified law enforcement officers employed by the State Fire Marshal's Office

The above information was taken from the "Retirement System Legislative Summary for 2005 Session" posted on the KPERS web site. Please see <http://www.kpers.org/legislativesummary.htm> for more information.

HB 2072

Provides free tuition and fees at Kansas educational institutions for eligible spouses of public safety officers who died as a result of performing duties as a public safety officer.

Effective Date: Publication in Statute Book

HB 2128

Allows SRS to obtain criminal history record information to determine initial and continuing employment of persons in programs related to vulnerable children or adults.

Effective Date: Publication in Statute Book

HB 2141

Sets forth the circumstances in which an employer shall have met a burden of proof for probable cause for chemical testing for workers compensation.

Effective Date: Publication in Statute Book

Sub for HB 2142

Establishes the date of accident for certain injury types for workers compensation.

Effective Date: Publication in Statute Book

HB 2264

Employers cannot discharge an employee because of an order of isolation or quarantine. Each person appointed as the director of the division of health in the Department of Health and Environment shall serve a term of four years and thereafter at the pleasure of the Secretary.

Effective Date: Publication in Kansas Register

HB 2327

Juvenile Justice Authority employees defined as corrections employees as it relates to testing juvenile offenders for infectious diseases.

Effective Date: Publication in Statute Book

HB 2380

Assistants appointed by the Attorney General shall perform the duties and exercise the powers as prescribed by law and other duties prescribed by the Attorney General. Assistants shall act for and exercise the power of the Attorney General to the extent the Attorney General delegates them the authority to do so.

Effective Date: Publication in Statute Book

HB 2386

Concerns unlawful sexual relations between Court Services Officers and those under their supervision.

Effective Date: Publication in Statute Book

Senate Sub HB 2482

Omnibus Appropriations

- Funding for 27th payroll period
- Teacher raises at School for the Deaf and School for the Blind
- Requires that media advertising disclose it is funded by taxpayer dollars

Effective Date: Publication in Kansas Register

Department of Administration

Division of Personnel Services

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